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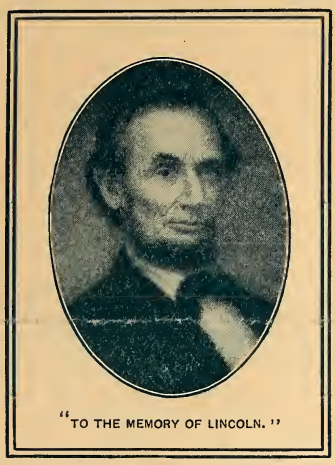

"TO THE MEMORY OF LINCOLN."

What are ***YOU*** *going to do to honor the memory of this great American, in recognition of the Centenary of his birth? ? ? ? ?*

On February 12th President Roosevelt, standing on the site of the old Cabin, will dedicate the Lincoln Birthplace Farm as a permanent national memorial to the great President. The occasion will be the laying of the corner stone of the Memorial Building, a part of the purpose of which is to provide shelter for the Birthplace Cabin itself, and the exercises will be the central point of interest in a nation-wide celebration of the Lincoln Centenary.

In August, 1905, the Birthplace Farm of Abraham Lincoln, consisting of 110 acres located about 50 miles from Louisville, Kentucky, was put up at public auction to be sold for unpaid taxes. It is a fact that all but one of the bidders who appeared represented some business concern or speculator, endeavoring to get possession of the historic place to exploit it for private gain. Their shameful purpose was defeated by one bidder who represented a private citizen acting through motives of simple patriotism. He conceived the idea of developing the farm into a Lincoln National Park which should stand forever as a fitting memorial to Lincoln's high service—a memorial worthy of the man and worthy of the American people.

The views of the President, members of the Cabinet, Congressmen, Governors of States, and men prominent in every walk of life, were secured, and acting on the general suggestion an Association was quickly formed and in June, 1906, incorporated as The Lincoln Farm Association, the purpose of which should be to secure the necessary funds to develop the Park, erect a Memorial Building to shelter

the Cabin, and to provide for their future care as a priceless heritage of the American people. To this Association the citizen in question presented the farm and, later, the old cabin, which he also rescued from a speculator who had the logs stored in a cellar holding them for ransom.

This work has not been subsidized by great private fortunes. As Lincoln was raised up from the people to perform his mighty work, the men forming the Association felt that this memorial to him should be the work of the people. They invited subscriptions of small amounts from twenty-five cents upward, giving each contributor a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Association and enrolling the name and address in the Permanent Record to be kept forever in a place of honor at the Farm. Already more than 85,000 men, women and children have contributed and received their Certificates, the total available fund now on hand amounting to about $100,000.

At least $50,000 more will be needed, and to secure this we sincerely believe that it is only necessary that the matter should be placed before the people, so that they may have the opportunity to enroll.

The contributions of course have varied from the minimum amount upward, each giving according to his or her means or inclination, making the average about one dollar. Fraternal orders, women's clubs, and patriotic organizations of all sorts have taken up the movement, and more than one thousand daily newspapers are taking an active part. The contract for a beautiful Memorial Building was let early in November, 1908, and the work will be pushed forward to completion as rapidly as possible. The worn-out soil of the Farm is to be restored to fertility and the entire place maintained under the care of skilled and competent men. In no other country but America could such a patriotic movement, based on a simple appeal to the hearts of the people, have met with this success. It is a striking answer to foreign writers who sneer at American "materialism" and "lack of patriotic sentiment."

But the work is not yet finished—its completion depends upon the spirit in which this appeal is met. Will you not take your part in the work? Shall not your name be recorded as one of the founders and creators of the historic memorial, to be enrolled on the Permanent Record which will be kept forever in a place of honor at the Park?

Richard Lloyd Jones, Secretary

The Lincoln Farm Association.

"I heartily approve of the movement to make the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln a national park, so that the building in which he was born may be preserved to illustrate the real conditions of his birth and childhood. * * * * * I am glad that the scheme of preservation contemplates an appeal to individual Americans. Lincoln's memory, like Washington's, is one of the hallowed and priceless heritages of all our people. * * * * * Most assuredly his birthplace should be preserved in such shape as will enable us, as a nation, to realize vividly the conditions from which the second of our great Presidents sprang to mould our destiny for good.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The figure of Lincoln, as the typical American who carried the burden of the Presidency through the greatest crisis that this country has had to encounter, looms so large in our history that no effort should be spared to bring his personality and his wonderful character and virtues to the knowledge of the present peoples and coming generations. I shall be glad to co-operate in any way that I can as a humble citizen in this enterprise.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

I am strongly in favor of the contemplated movement to make the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln a memorial which shall arouse and stimulate reverent and patriotic sentiments in the minds of the American people. It seems to me that this should be done directly by the individual effort of our people, and that the memorial for all time to come should be in their especial keeping.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The work of The Lincoln Farm Association is further endorsed by more than two thousand Governors of states, Senators, Members of Congress, Religious leaders, educators, and men and women of national prominence in every line of civic, commercial and social activity. In sending in your membership, please use this blank, and address it to the Treasurer. Checks should be made payable to the Association. As soon as the blank is received proper acknowledgement will be made, your Certificate will be engrossed and forwarded, and your name and address will be entered on a separate card in the Permanent Record.

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